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Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The Secretary-General has received notification of the resignation of Takeshi Akamatsu (Japan) from the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, effective 15 August 2018. Accordingly, the General Assembly will be required to appoint, at its current session, a person to fill the vacancy for the remaining period of the term of office of Mr. Akamatsu, which expires on 31 December 2019.

2. The Government of Japan has nominated Takeshi Matsunaga to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr. Akamatsu.

3. In a communication dated 13 July 2018, the Secretariat was informed by the Chair of the group of Asia-Pacific States that the candidature of Mr. Matsunaga had been endorsed by the group.

4. The candidate's curriculum vitae is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Curriculum vitae*

Takeshi Matsunaga (Japan)

Date of birth: 4 February 1966

Present position

Minister, Chief of Economic Section

Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

Academic background

1989	Graduated from Hitotsubashi University, Faculty of Law (International Law)

Professional background

1989	Entered Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
1990	Embassy of Japan in the United Kingdom
1992	Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Australia
1994	International Energy Division, MOFA
1996	Assistant Director, Disarmament and Arms Control Division, MOFA
1999	Principal Deputy Director, Second African Division, MOFA
2001	Principal Deputy Director, First Intelligence Division, MOFA
2002	First Secretary, Chief of Development Section, Embassy of Japan in Pakistan
2004	First Secretary, Budgetary and Administrative Section (Fifth Com) Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations
2006	Counsellor, Budgetary and Administrative Section (Fifth Com) Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations
2008	Director, Southeast Asia Economic Partnership Agreement Division, MOFA
2010	Assistant Press Secretary / Director, International Press Division, MOFA
2011	Councillor, Cabinet Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office
2014	Minister, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh
2017	Minister, Chief of Economic Section, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Mr. Matsunaga has served in the Japanese Foreign Service for nearly 30 years, during which time he has developed extensive knowledge and experience in the areas of, inter alia, public administration, the United Nations, and international development cooperation.

Mr. Matsunaga, as First Secretary and later as Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (Budgetary and Administrative Section), was deeply involved in United Nations administrative and budgetary issues. During his stint, Mr. Matsunaga took care of a number of items, including biennial programme budget (regular budget), the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations (PKO budgets), and the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations as well as the organization's internal oversight activities, and the Capital Master Plan.

In addition, Mr. Matsunaga, in his past capacities as Deputy Director in charge of African development at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Chief of the Development Section at the Embassy of Japan in Pakistan, and Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh, has worked closely with relevant United Nations entities, and has acquired broad experience and relevant knowledge on international development cooperation.

Mr. Matsunaga has been serving in his present capacity as head of the Economic Section at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations since 2017. During this time, Mr. Matsunaga has dealt with recent development-related subjects, including, inter alia, issues concerning the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), through his work in the General Assembly and ECOSOC, as well as through his engagement with officials of relevant United Nations development system entities. Most recently, Mr. Matsunaga took part in the consultations for a draft General Assembly resolution on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR), and contributed to its successful adoption.